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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Vienna and St. Poelten

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 11 to 15 August 1951

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 10 September 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REMARKS

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25X1X City District of Vienna.

1. On 14 August 1951, the former Soviet headquarters building at 10 Tolbuehinstrasse, Vienna, was decorated with flags of the SPOe (Socialist Party of Austria). No soldiers were observed in the former restaurant at 8 Tolbuehinstrasse, where a sign read "Supply Point" in cyrillic letters. The Soviet quarters at 57 Columbusgasse was vacant and unguarded. *

2. The buildings at 33, 34, 36 and 40 Leibnizgasse housed a Soviet hospital and dispensary. Vehicles observed at these buildings included ambulances [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 25X1C

3. The Trost Kaserne quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 150 soldiers were seen drilling in the barracks yard. Two tank trucks and 1 truck were parked at the fuel dump of the installation. Truck [REDACTED] was identified on the street opposite the barracks installation. In addition to troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 AT guns and 3 trucks, including [REDACTED], were observed at the garage near the water tower on Windtenstrasse. 25X1C

4. Truck [REDACTED] with four light mortars and five soldiers wearing artillery insignia was seen leaving the garage on Alxingerstrasse, which was occupied as previously reported. No repair work was performed there. The mortars observed were mounted on round base plates, about 1 meter in diameter, which were flattened on one side. At the garage on Pernerstorferstrasse were about 25 vehicles being repaired by about 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [REDACTED] were identified. 25X1C

5. All Soviet troop quarters in the X City District of Vienna appeared to be substantially less occupied than in previous times.

25X1X St. Poelten Area. 25X1C

6. Trucks [REDACTED], driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified in Camp Spratzern on 15 August. No activities were noticed in the camp.

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7. A fuel storage installation was observed in a former wine-vault at Obergrafendorf (O 49/W 77), which was guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Local residents said that the installation had been established about three weeks ago. The vault was located in a slope on the south side of the Obergrafendorf-Spratzern road, about 800 meters northeast of the bridge across the Pielach River.

8. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Schiesstattring, St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). The drivers of these vehicles wore red-bordered black epaulets.

9. No major Soviet troop units or heavy weapons were observed in St. Poelten on 11 August. **

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The two buildings housed elements of the Hq 13th Gds Mecz Div prior to the end of July 1951. These headquarters elements departed on 9 August, probably for Moedling. See [REDACTED]

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** [REDACTED] Comment. The present and the last report from St. Poelten indicate that the majority of the components of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from the post have not been there since July 1951. They have probably moved to the Doellersheim troop training grounds. See [REDACTED]

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